

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 27, 2021

The Hon. Joe Biden
President of the United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We write to respectfully request your consideration to bestow the Presidential Medal of Freedom upon Mr. Hershel "Woody" Williams, Medal of Honor, COWF USMC (Ret).

As you know, our nation's highest civilian honor is awarded to individuals who have made substantial contributions to the security or national interests of America, world peace, cultural, or other significant public or private endeavors, and we strongly believe Mr. Williams is deserving of this honor.

It is well known that Mr. Williams proudly served the United States of America in the Battle of Iwo Jima during World War II. However, his service to our nation has never ceased. A tireless advocate for Gold Star Families and Veterans across the country, Mr. Williams established the Hershel "Woody" Williams MOH Foundation's Gold Star Families Memorial Monument movement. To date, 76 monuments have been erected honoring Gold Star Families and raising public awareness about the ultimate sacrifice made by their loved ones, with an additional 74 memorial monuments in progress. Moreover, Mr. Williams has advocated for countless pieces of legislation to assist veterans and their families with healing from the unforgiving traumas of war.

Although he is now 97 years old, Mr. Williams has not slowed his efforts. He continues to support and advocate for veterans and for our nation in his countless speaking engagements with children and adults. He is a true patriot, and the last living recipient of the Medal of Honor from World War II.

It is for these reasons that we recommend and respectfully urge you to consider Mr. Williams for the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

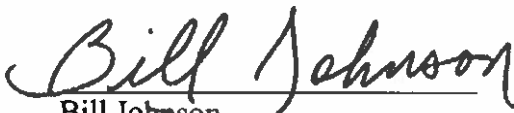
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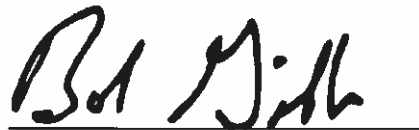
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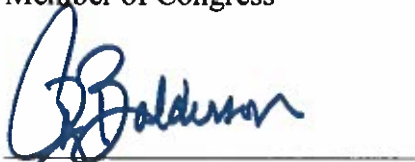
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